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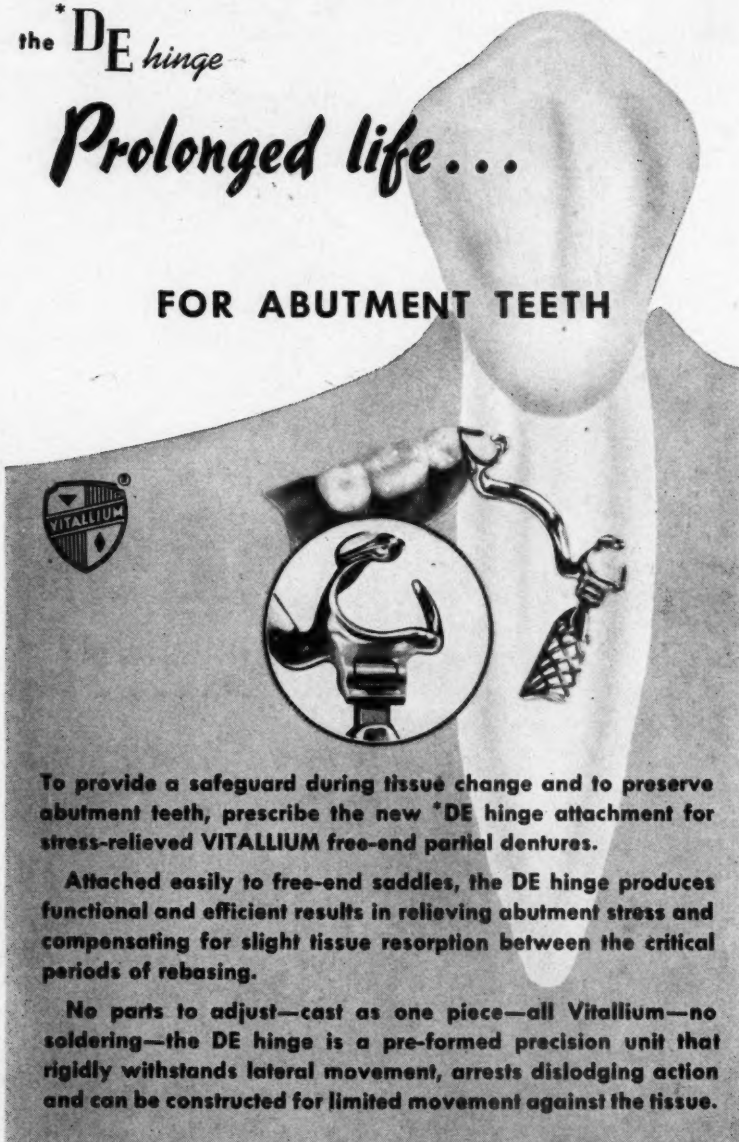
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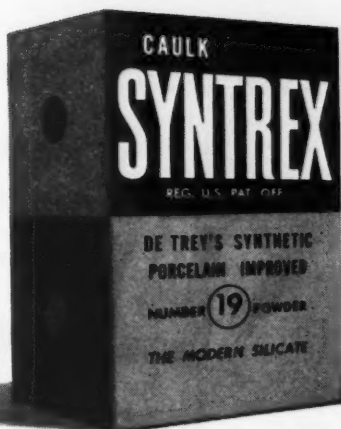
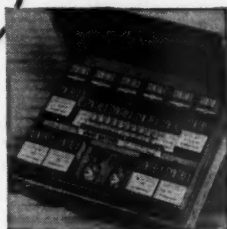
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The President Speaks:*

"President Ebert, Canon Hall, fellow officers new and old, fellow members of our professional society, and friends:

"Thank you, Dr. Ebert, for your kind and sincere expressions. I appreciate your devotion to our welfare during the coming year.

"My friends, thank you for being here, and thank God I am here! The warmth of your greetings and reception will be ever remembered by me.

"This honor that comes to me tonight, in my mind, is as great as when an outstanding celebrity of the cinema, stage or allied professions, receives an "Oscar" as an award. I could not be more proud if I were receiving an Oscar tonight.

"In accepting the presidency of the Chicago Dental Society, I am very much aware of the many responsibilities that go with this high office. I will do well if I can fill the office as capably as have my predecessors, and with your cooperation I shall do the very best I can. I only hope for strength of mind and body, which will justify your confidence in my ability to meet the obligations imposed upon me as the President of the Society during the coming year.

"As President-elect, I have had the

opportunity to closely observe the excellent and difficult work done by Dr. Ebert, his officers, and members of the Board of Directors. I would be remiss if I did not mention that my loss will be in not having Elmer Ebert, Otto Silberhorn, Robert Kreiner, Lloyd Bettenhausen, Al Sells, and Eddie Baumann (who took Walter Poyer's place), as members of my Board. These men, each in his own time and way, have served us long and well and deserve to be retired to the fireside with their families.

"But I am fortunate and proud to have Dr. Solfronk as President-elect and the other experienced men that have just been installed as my officers and Board of Directors.

"There are many important tasks I would like to accomplish to carry on the fine traditions of our Society and to better the position of organized dentistry in the Chicago area.

"Our chief business is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand. We will continue to carry on the policies that have been instituted in the last number of years.

"The Society's stand on fluoridation is one of which we can be proud, and it is still my hope that this beneficial measure can be adopted here in our city within the not too distant future.

"The Society also has taken a strong stand against the sale of soft drinks and

*Presented at the May 18 meeting of the Chicago Dental Society, following installation as president.

sweets in our public schools, a great hazard to dental health, and we members of the dental profession have an obligation to the public to discourage this sale.

"The Society is also concerned about the misleading advertising claims made by certain companies for their dentifrices. We will not go along with unsubstantiated claims made by these agencies regarding a coined ingredient in their dentifrices.

"And—now—in the matter of the illegal laboratories, the 64-dollar question that is predominant in our minds, I shall use my utmost endeavor and no stone will be left unturned to try to terminate successfully this evil menace. Many of my predecessors have worked diligently on this problem, and any success we hope to attain will be the direct results of their cooperation and contribution. I shall ever welcome counsel and advice from competent sources, and it will be my aim to give your views and recommendations serious consideration, to bring about the culmination of this condition during my year.

"A final word on our Midwinter Meeting that has, because of our excellent scientific sessions, because of the time, effort, and energy that are put into these annual meetings, received a world-wide envied reputation. I am not at all worried or perturbed regarding the meeting in '55, because it is in the hands of very capable, conscientious and hard-working chairmen and committeemen.

"Our new motto for our Midwinter Meeting is 'Onward We Strive In '55.' We hope to emerge with better and wiser technics and hope to achieve even greater progress—far greater than we have ever imagined.

"In closing, I want to leave you with these thoughts: that I am confident with the support and cooperation of our steadfast officers and Board of Directors, very able chairmen, loyal members, ever faithful and conscientious employees in our central office, working together with sincerity and trust, under the providence of

God, we will be successful in carrying forward the purposes and aims of our Society for the coming year.

"Never one thing and seldom one person can make for a success! It takes a number of them merging into one perfect unit.

"Thank you, thank you very much for your kind and patient attention, and may we all go with God."

DR. EBERT PRESENTED WITH CERTIFICATE

"On behalf of the officers, Board of Directors and members of our Society I have been requested to make a presentation. I am very happy and thrilled with this privilege and honor. There are many reasons for feeling this way but the chief reason is that I am presenting this certificate of merit to a fellow classmate of mine. Elmer, thirty-one years ago you and I graduated from Chicago College of Dental Surgery in the same class. Even at that time you showed strong signs of being a very efficient and capable leader. Little did I dream that I would follow you as President of the Chicago Dental Society and little did I expect to have this honor to present to you, a classmate of mine, this award.

"Your life has been laid out for you to carry on the traditions, principles and policies that the great leaders in our profession more than a half century ago have instituted. You have served the Society in a commendable manner and we know that if the Society and the profession would say to you that they are greatly indebted to you for your hard and sincere work your reply would be, 'No, I am indebted to them; I owe everything, all my honors that I have received, to the profession and to the Society.' For these reasons, Elmer, we are very happy to present to you this certificate of merit and want to wish you all the happiness and success in any of your future dental endeavors."—*Samuel R. Kleiman.*

OUTGOING OFFICERS FOR 1953-1954



*Left to right—Doctors Otto W. Silberhorn, Samuel R. Kleiman,
Elmer Ebert, Edward W. Luebke, Gustav W. Solfronk*

RETIRING PRESIDENT WELCOMES INCOMING OFFICERS



*Left to right—Doctors L. W. Michael Hughes, Harry W. Chronquist,
Edward W. Luebke, Samuel R. Kleiman, Gustav W. Solfronk, Elmer Ebert*

EBERT'S SWAN SONG

In my final report at our May meeting I expressed to all present my personal appreciation for the excellent spirit of cooperation that has been manifest by the Officers, the Directors, Committee Chairmen, and committeemen, the membership at large, and for the untiring efforts of our office staff. It is to those persons who were not present that I would here express that same gratitude and give to the entire membership a little more thorough accounting of my stewardship as President.

Our Midwinter Meeting was one of the best attended in recent years with a total registration of 13,869, aided no doubt by excellent weather conditions. We had our usual fine Essays, Limited Attendance Clinics, General Clinics, Scientific and Health Exhibits and one of the largest technical exhibits we have ever had. There were several innovations, including the Dental Health program for County Health Nurses, with 185 in attendance out of a possible 220 from the Counties of Cook, Lake and DuPage, and also the Denture Repair Clinic provided by the three dental schools, which was very well received and quite beneficial.

During the course of the year, our monthly programs were fairly well attended but I am sure could stand greater support. We were very happy to welcome the senior dental students from the three schools and we hope that they will continue to come.

Our Dental Health Education Program continues to grow in scope and effectiveness and we are having excellent cooperation from all agencies with which we deal.

During the year more than 60 members were recognized for having served their profession for 50 years or more and were honored appropriately with a lapel pin and a certificate.

Your officers were ever alert to the needs of the Society and the fine spirit

of cooperation by the membership made for progress.

Enforcement of the Dental Practice Act is still our greatest problem and for the time being I shall deal only with the brighter side. Our injunction proceeding against 24 unethical laboratories is now awaiting the decision of Judge Padden. This should be handed down within the next few weeks. There have been two successful criminal prosecutions brought by the Department of Registration and Education, and for this work we are thankful. We have been assured financial assistance by the State Dental Society. In fact, such assistance was voted by the last Executive Council, for which we thank them. On the whole, some definite results should be ours very shortly.

However, if I have given an impression of undue optimism and unrealism regarding the illegal practice of dentistry and the effectiveness of the enforcement of the Dental Practice Act, that was not my intention. In view of present conditions I would say that effective law enforcement by the agencies entrusted with that responsibility has not been achieved. I am certain that in the eight years during which it has been my privilege to serve on the Board of Directors of the Society, those Boards did everything in their power to serve the best interests of the Society. Yet, in that period there has been constant sniping and criticism of the Board's handling of the problem of law enforcement by those within the profession, by those entrusted with responsibility for matters pertaining to illegal practice of dentistry, and by some members of the laboratory industry. I would not for one minute have you believe your Board to be above criticism or to be 100% right, but I do resent the unfair and false criticisms that have been made:

To that end, I will to the best of my ability, in the interest of our Society, and in the interest of wiping out the scourge

of illegal dentistry, attempt to refute the false charges recently leveled against the leadership of your Society.

To answer the oldest and most repeated untruth, namely, that your Society did not consult with or inform the Department of Registration and Education regarding the injunction suit that was to be filed against the then 34 laboratories against whom we had gathered evidence of violating the Dental Practice Act, and that we did not cooperate with law enforcement agencies, I say that both accusations are untrue. We were in constant communication with the Department and requested the Attorney General, Mr. Ivan Elliott, to join us in prosecuting an injunction suit. I was present with Mr. Owen Rall, one of our attorneys, when the then Supervisor of Complaints and attorney for the Department, Mr. Jack Scheer, replied to the question of Mr. Rall whether the Attorney General would join us in such action, and he said that he would not do so. I am pleased to state that the present Supervisor of Complaints, Mr. Leo Lowitz, has been working with us in a cooperative spirit, exchanging information and taking such action as he can within the means available to his Department.

To the question, "Where are our leaders?" may I say that the officers, directors, committee members, and staff have been devoting countless hours to this problem of law enforcement, first in deciding on an enforcement program, and second, in lending every assistance to our attorneys and to the Department in implementing that program.

Four main points of attack have been developed:

1. An injunction suit by Chicago Dental Society against all laboratories publishing display advertising in the 1950 Chicago Red Book;

2. Continued criminal prosecution by the Department against laboratory technicians who deal directly with the public;

3. Revocation of licenses of dentists found practicing in conjunction with advertising laboratories; and

4. Cooperation with the American

Dental Association and Federal authorities in combating unlawful mail order business by dental laboratories.

Supplementing this entire program has been the cooperative exchange of information with Chicago Better Business Bureau, in processing complaints, collecting evidence and in stamping out newspaper and other forms of advertising to the public. Mr. Kenneth Barnard, President of Chicago Better Business Bureau, has been most cordial and cooperative and has given substantial assistance.

To the uninformed, it might appear rather easy to walk into the office of a public official, call attention to the Dental Practice Act, point a finger at certain laboratory practices, ask for law enforcement, and complacently await results. It is not that easy. Dental laboratory business is well established, both good and bad, and your leaders concluded long ago that the campaign to eradicate the evils would have to be long and difficult. That appraisal still stands.

To the accusations of "double talk" and "hollow promises," I say such epithets are not supported by facts and are brazen falsehoods. Your officers and board members have been honest, forthright and capable of carrying out the trust which the members placed in them and we resent such accusations.

To the charges recently made that the pending injunction suit is a rainbow-chasing activity and that matters of law enforcement should be "returned" to the Department of Registration and Education so that worthwhile results can be obtained, it is obvious that the persons advancing such charges do not know whereof they speak or write.

Law enforcement cannot be "returned" to the Department because it *was never taken away*. The responsibility for enforcing the Dental Practice Act was never transferred to Chicago Dental Society and nobody ever asked that this be done—even if the law permitted—which it doesn't.

Section 16 of the Dental Practice Act provides a criminal penalty for practicing dentistry without a license. Section 17(a)

provides that the Attorney General, the State's Attorney for any county, or any resident citizen may bring an action in the name of the people of Illinois to perpetually enjoin any person from unlawfully practicing dentistry. This is a civil action.

Our injunction case was filed to *supplement* and not to supplant criminal prosecutions. In fact, during the last few months there have been two convictions in criminal cases. Doubtless others will follow.

Critics point to the seriousness of the problem and say racketeers are moving in. This is all the more reason for using every legitimate means available, both civil and criminal actions, to combat this threat to the profession and to public health.

As for chasing rainbows, we have consulted many persons who have knowledge of our problem and who have had past experience in similar matters of law enforcement. Without exception, they have voiced the opinion that the injunction method is by far the most effective enforcement measure in the long run. Courts of last resort in many States have also pointed out the same thing, particularly emphasizing that criminal prosecutions deal with past violations, while an injunction is an effective means of combating present and future encroachments on the profession.

To the charge that the lawsuit is ill-advised, poorly managed, and too expensive for the profession, may I say that the filing of the lawsuit was done after long investigation, study, and deliberation by your officers, Board of Directors and committee members. To say that it was ill-advised is to attack the collective judgment of all such persons. To say that it is poorly managed is to question the ability of our counsel. To say that it is too expensive is to fail or refuse to look at the problem in its true perspective.

I am certain that no Board of Directors could have been more sincere and conscientious in trying to meet the great problem of law enforcement which has resulted from bootleg dentistry by certain

laboratories. From the very outset there was never a doubt that the primary responsibility for enforcement of the Dental Practice Act rested with the Department of Registration and Education, and other public law enforcement agencies.

It was only when it became apparent that the attempted enforcement of the criminal penalties under the statute was failing to halt the spread of this menace to public health and the profession, that Chicago Dental Society embarked on the injunction case for the purpose of trying to deal illicit dentistry a major blow.

We feel that we are represented by one of the finest legal firms in the city, whose reputation is in keeping with that of our own Society. They are held in high esteem by the American Dental Association, for they are also consultants and legal advisers to that body. Therefore, we feel we are in excellent hands.

As for the expense, I know the total figure for the period 1949 to 1954 has been very large. Here again, it is necessary to view the overall picture. Without attempting to make exact calculations, I am confident that the cost of our case thus far, including investigation, court costs, court reporter, witness fees, photographs, photostats and the fees of our attorneys, would not average as much as \$5.00 per year per member. Considering the serious nature of our fight and the broad implications of the lawsuit, this does not appear to be unreasonable or unbearable.

To the criticism that the cost has been kept from our membership or that the lawsuit is ill-advised and poorly managed, I say it is quite unfair and absolutely false. To say that the "cold war" attitude of dentistry is destroying the profession and protecting the racketeer, we say the war being waged right now in the city of Chicago against unethical dental laboratories is the hottest war they have yet experienced and the heat will increase until this menace is brought under control or eliminated entirely.

This problem did not arise overnight and it cannot be solved in a few days. It is and will continue to be a long, hard

struggle. But waging this fight is not going to destroy the profession and it is not going to protect racketeers. In fact, it is causing organized dentistry to awaken, more accurately appraise the problem, and unite its forces to attack a common enemy. If I am any judge of the situation, I would say, "We have just begun to fight."

We especially resent statements of criticism when made by a member of the laboratory craft, for we, as officers, are not responsible to them, but rather to the members of our Society. We do not appreciate such attempted interference from outside the membership. I recommend to the laboratory craft that they first put their own house in order, and then they and their advisers can make a substantial effort to aid Chicago Dental Society in its fight to protect public health and to obtain better enforcement of the Dental Practice Act.

I have every confidence that organized dentistry is willing and able to solve its problems if each member will do his utmost to render to his patients the best and quickest service within his powers, especially in the prosthetic field, if every man will know the laboratory with which he does business, and if he will refrain from sending any patients to the laboratory either for service or as an errand boy. I further recommend that the laboratory craft co-operate to the fullest extent in assisting us and the Department in bringing law violators to justice; that the Department of Registration and Education be a little more diligent in its bringing to the bar of justice those persons who practice dentistry without a license; that the Board of Dental Examiners, dentistry's representatives in the Department, be a little more diligent in seeing that violators are cited and a little more cooperative with the Society in recommending and suggesting the best ways in which we, as a Society, might assist the Department. All I am trying to say is this, let's spend our energies in fighting illegal operators instead of sniping at one another.

It is unnecessary to point out to the dental profession the seriousness of the

laboratory situation. If we did not think it serious, we would never have undertaken our lawsuit. Our view is that it is so *very* serious that *every available weapon of attack* should be used. It is not a question of either criminal cases or injunction suits. It is a matter of using both. Also, we must ferret out those unscrupulous or careless members of our own profession who deal with and give business nourishment to unethical laboratories. Also, if the statute can be improved, that should receive appropriate attention before the next Legislature convenes. We must move ahead on *all* fronts, not just one.

If some of the statements above have been unduly harsh, they were not made in the spirit of vindictiveness but to clear the atmosphere and to correct what I have felt were injustices. If we can bring our differences into the open and, after resolving them, we can join hands to bring about a more effective enforcement of the Dental Practice Act and the wiping out of unlawful dentistry, then all of our efforts will have been worth while.

If our Society has moved forward, as we have good reason to believe that it has, if it has risen a little higher and shines a little brighter in the firmament of organized dentistry, it is because we have worked together in a cause greater and more important than each of us. For the loyalty, devotion, counsel, and co-operation of each officer, Board member, committee chairman, committeeman, the editor, the executive secretary, the office staff and each member, I offer my grateful appreciation for having made my job as President a very pleasant one, and for the friendships and experiences which have made my life richer, I give my sincere thanks. Finally, to our wives who have shared us so generously so that the work of the Society might be carried on, we extend our eternal thanks.

To Dr. Kleiman and his Board, and to the Society, it is my sincere hope that the next year will be more successful than the last and that your experience as President will be as pleasant as mine. Good luck!

—Elmer Ebert, Past-President.

REGULAR MEETING

of the

CHICAGO DENTAL SOCIETY

May 18, 1954

Conrad Hilton Hotel

Motion was made and seconded to dispense with reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 20, 1954. Motion carried.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 20th meeting as published in the May 15th issue of the FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW. Motion carried.

There were no reports of boards, standing committees or special committees.

Unfinished business—It was moved and seconded that the resolution recommended by the Board of Directors of the Chicago Dental Society and published in the May 15th FORTNIGHTLY REVIEW be accepted. The resolution reads as follows:

"RESOLVED that Section 14 of Article XXII of the Chicago Dental Society Constitution and By-Laws, which now reads as follows: 'The Chicago Dental Society shall furnish each branch society with a sum of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) annually for operational expense. Branch societies having more than one hundred (100) members shall receive from the Chicago Dental Society, in addition to the one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00), the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) annually for each member in excess of one hundred (100) members, as shown by the records of the branch society on September 1 of each year.' be changed in the following particulars:

"1. That the figure '\$150.00' be changed to \$200.00 and

2. That the words '\$1.00 annually for each member' be changed to read '\$1.50.'"

President Ebert called the retiring Branch Presidents to the stage, compli-

mented them upon and thanked them for their very good work of the past year. Each retiring President was awarded his certificate by Dr. Kleiman, the incoming President of the Chicago Dental Society. The following men were so honored:

Robert L. Straub, Englewood
Wayne L. Fisher, Kenwood-Hyde Park
William T. Osmanski, North Side
John M. Gates, Northwest Side
O. E. Scott, North Suburban
Max M. Chubin, West Side
Rudolph Hinrichs, West Suburban

Dr. Ezio E. Grossi, President of the South Suburban Branch, was absent.

Dr. Ebert then asked the retiring officers and directors to come to the stage. He thanked them for their work on behalf of the Society and Dr. Kleiman handed each man his certificate. The following men were so honored:

Edward W. Luebke, Vice-President
Gustav W. Solfronk, Secretary
Otto W. Silberhorn, Treasurer

Lloyd G. Bettenhausen, Director from South Suburban

Robert L. Kreiner, Director from Kenwood-Hyde Park

Alvin J. Sells, Director from West Side
Walter T. Poyer, Director from North Suburban, *in absentia*.

Edwin W. Baumann, Acting Director from North Suburban.

The new directors were escorted to the stage by the retiring directors and were introduced by the President as follows:

Wayne L. Fisher, Kenwood-Hyde Park
Olan B. Kibler, North Suburban
Dr. Walter E. Kelly, new Director from the West Side Branch and Dr. Neil A.

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LEO W. KREMER

1893-1954

On Wednesday, May 26th, 1954, Chicago dentistry lost one of its most illustrious sons when Leo Kremer passed away in Fort Lauderdale, Florida after a short illness. Born in Parker, South Dakota, June 28th, 1893, Leo attended the schools of Parker and on graduation from high school matriculated at Northwestern University Dental School from where he was graduated with honor in 1914. He began the practice of dentistry in Vermillion, South Dakota, and in 1918 entered the service of his country as a dental officer in the army with the rank of Captain. Upon his discharge, Leo entered practice in Chicago and in 1920 joined the Society and since that time has been one of the Society's most active members. As a member of the North Side Branch, he missed only four meetings in thirty-three years. He served his branch and the parent society as a member of many committees and the Chicago Dental Society as Secretary, Treasurer, President-elect, and as President in 1943-44. Because of his devoted and aggressive leadership the Society had one of its most successful years. In 1948 he was Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee for the American Dental Association meeting held in Chicago that year. For his outstanding service he was rewarded by being elected 1st Vice-president of the American Dental Association. For the last three or four years, Leo has been kept very busy as Chairman of the Council on Relief and, under his guidance, a goal of \$100,000.00 was reached.

Leo found time to be active in the Northwestern Dental Alumni Association and served as its president. During World War II, Leo was consultant for procurement and assignment of the 6th Army command where he served with distinction. He was a member of Delta Sigma Delta fraternity and of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honorary dental fraternity.

After nearly thirty-eight years of dental practice, Leo retired in December, 1952 and moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where Mrs. Kremer and he built their home. His interest in dental society affairs continued for he was here in February of this year for the Midwinter Meeting and for a meeting of the Relief Council.

Because he served dentistry with distinction and devotion Leo was elected to membership in the American College of Dentists and the Odontographic Society of Chicago. Through his service to organized dentistry we as a profession have moved forward and those of us who counted him friend and counselor have had our lives enriched and made fuller.

To Mrs. Kremer and the family, may I express the sincere sympathy of a very grateful society; may the kind thoughts of Leo's many friends, the knowledge that he served his patients and his fellow men well and made life richer, be of comfort. May the Divine Comforter give them strength is our prayer. It was a real privilege to have known Leo Kremer.

Elmer Ebert

ABSTRACTS

EFFECT OF SILVER NITRATE IN PREVENTION OF FISSURE CARIES

The use of silver nitrate for prevention of dental caries has been a subject of interest for the last sixty years. Despite tests made in the past, which gave evidence that the application of silver nitrate is not effective in preventing fissure caries, a small scale investigation was carried out on newly erupted first molars. It has been argued in the past that although the use of silver nitrate is ineffective after caries has begun, if applied to a sound tooth it might act as a preventive measure. An investigation made on one hundred children with recently erupted first molars, proved that the use of silver nitrate was of no value in preventing fissure caries.—*A CLINICAL NOTE ON THE USE OF SILVER NITRATE IN THE PREVENTION OF FISSURE CARIES IN NEWLY ERUPTED FIRST PERMANENT MOLARS*, by P. M. C. James, L.D.S. Eng., D.P.D., and G. J. Parfitt, F.D.S.-R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. *British Dental Journal*, January 19, 1954.

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PREVENTION OF INJURY TO SOFT TISSUES

Many mechanical safeguards have been developed to prevent hurting the patient's tongue, cheek, lips, palate, gingival tissue, or any adjacent soft tissue, by a sudden uncontrollable movement of a revolving steel or diamond disk. Most of these are cumbersome and not generally used. The author of this article has designed a construction described here. The disk is made conditionally movable in relation to the mandrel. When the disk, during grinding, fastens between two adjacent teeth, the mandrel

will rotate without moving the disk, thereby eliminating the possibility of injury to the soft tissues of the oral cavity.

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SPONGE RUBBER CHEMICAL STERILIZER

Several difficulties are encountered in the sterilization of endodontic instruments. They are easily corroded by moist heat, and the large number of very small instruments needed for nearly any endodontic operation makes their care a problem. If boiled or autoclaved they need individual wiping to avoid corrosion, and need to be stored under sterile conditions until the next operation. The molten metal sterilizer, in which the instruments are individually sterilized at the chair just before use by dipping into the molten metal, seems to be efficient except that there is a tendency for the molten metal to stick to the barbs of the broach, and the pieces of metal may then break off in the canal. Another method is chemical or cold sterilization. The chemical used must be capable of killing the organisms present under the given conditions. Also, the chemical solution must be in direct contact with the individual organism. If any debris or film intervenes, the bacterial destruction is not complete. Each instrument must be thoroughly cleaned before immersion into the antiseptic. Sponge rubber serves this purpose for endodontic instruments. Lastly, enough time must be allowed for the bacterial destruction to be complete. A good way is to keep the instruments constantly immersed in the antiseptic. The chemical used here was benzalkonium chloride, or Zephiran chloride. For

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NEWS OF THE BRANCHES

NORTH SUBURBAN

NORTH SUBURBAN GOLF OUTING, WEDNESDAY, JULY 14—THORNGATE COUNTRY CLUB. Please don't forget this day! Maybe it seems like I'm overdoing a good thing but after last year's poor turnout, I want no excuses for not showing up. This is a private club and the date is a Wednesday, so let's everyone make a real effort to get out and have a wonderful day of good fellowship. . . . The Lake County Society is holding its golf outing at Thorngate also—on June 2nd. If we get the same wonderful publicity that they have had with all the letters, I don't see how we can miss. . . . Charlie Baker, the Evanston orthodontist, received a very fine award at the recent orthodontic session. As you probably all know, it was the Albert H. Ketcham award, which is presented annually to the orthodontist whose devotion and service to the profession are of exceptional merit. Our congratulations to you, Charlie. . . . My brother Bob was in from Denver for the orthodontic meeting and spent an enjoyable week with his family and many dental friends in the Chicago area. . . . We are sorry to report the recent passing away of Dr. W. A. Pitt of Waukegan who was one of the recent fifty-year men of dentistry. . . . Sid Freud of Evanston fell recently on the front porch steps and sprained his arm but not so badly that he can't work. His timing was pretty good, however, as he started on his vacation just one week later and it sounds like a good one—California and the Pacific Northwest. . . . The State meeting in Springfield was a great success and very enjoyable. The North Suburban area was well represented. Pinky Stine spent a lot of time in session as a delegate from Chicago doing the business of the Society. Harry Chronquist, Grant MacLean and many others were reported seen at the various

sessions. Dick Renn, Jay Welborn and Milt Dawson presented table clinics on Thursday and Otto Silberhorn was the program chairman. Also, there were eight (two foursomes) of us from Evanston who occupied the Governor's suite of the hotel—Shafer, Grover, Stephenson, Welborn, Verink, Doug Cook, Pedersen and yours truly. We all enjoyed the meeting and scientific sessions a great deal and were even fortunate enough to get in a little golf. It was a good meeting and we hope to be back in Peoria next year. . . . Sayre Hexton was married on Friday, April 30. We extend our congratulations. . . . Carl Brasmer, president of Evanston Dentists, got away for a long weekend recently to visit his daughter in Indiana. . . . Hal Chason is back hard at work in his yard now that he has opened the fishing season up in Wisconsin with his Finnish baths and nosedives. . . . Received a nice card from Bob Jans, enjoying himself at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. . . . Charlie and Mrs. Freeman have left on a two-week motor trip to northern New York State and New England to help celebrate their high school reunion in Vermont. . . . Fred Merrifield is back home from Florida and feeling much better. A group of his classmates, including Zeke Smothers, Boom Bommersheim and Bill Murray had a dinner for him recently at the Tower. That must have been a real party. . . . Doug Meinig is preparing to get away to Colorado for a couple of weeks; his reason, the national meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Perhaps he'll have time to get in some vacation fun too. . . . Jim Plants of Evanston has organized quite a group of us to go to Miami for the A.D.A. meeting in November. We are all staying at the same hotel and it sounds like lots of fun. I believe there are still a few openings left if anyone is interested. . . . This is my swan song and I wish to thank everyone

who has helped me so much in getting news items to me and thereby making this so much easier for me. I really do appreciate it and know that you will give the same cooperation to my successor. The lucky man is my good friend, Fred Verink, also of Evanston. Best of luck to you, Fred. . . . Be seeing all of you at the golf outing.—*Arthur G. Freeman, Branch Correspondent.*

WEST SIDE

All of the West Side members wish to thank Adolph Stark for the fine job he has done in editing the news and views of the West Side members. A "Gold Star for Starkey" for a job well done. . . . Mike DeRose and Carl Madda have been elected as state councilmen. Carl Madda came in for the state meeting and flew back to the ranch in Tucson, Arizona, immediately after the meeting. . . . Our brand new director to the Chi-

cago Dental Society, Walter E. Kelly, is convalescing at the Wesley Hospital following a recent operation. We are happy to report that he is doing fine and will be all set to give the West Side branch some good representation, for the following three years. . . . Walter Kelly, as golf chairman for the Glendale outing, made all of the arrangements but could not quite make it in person. In his stead the "Mike-and-Ike twins" of the West Side, namely Al Sells and "Chick" Vision, took over and did a grand job; in fact, practically everyone present received a fine prize of some sort. . . . We were honored at the golf outing with some of the "brass hats" of the Chicago Dental Society, President-elect Gus Solfronk, Vice-President Harry Chronquist, Executive Secretary Karl Richardson and, last but not least, our own Sam Kleiman, President of the Chicago Dental Society. Good luck and a very successful year, Sammy! . . . The golf outing was a great

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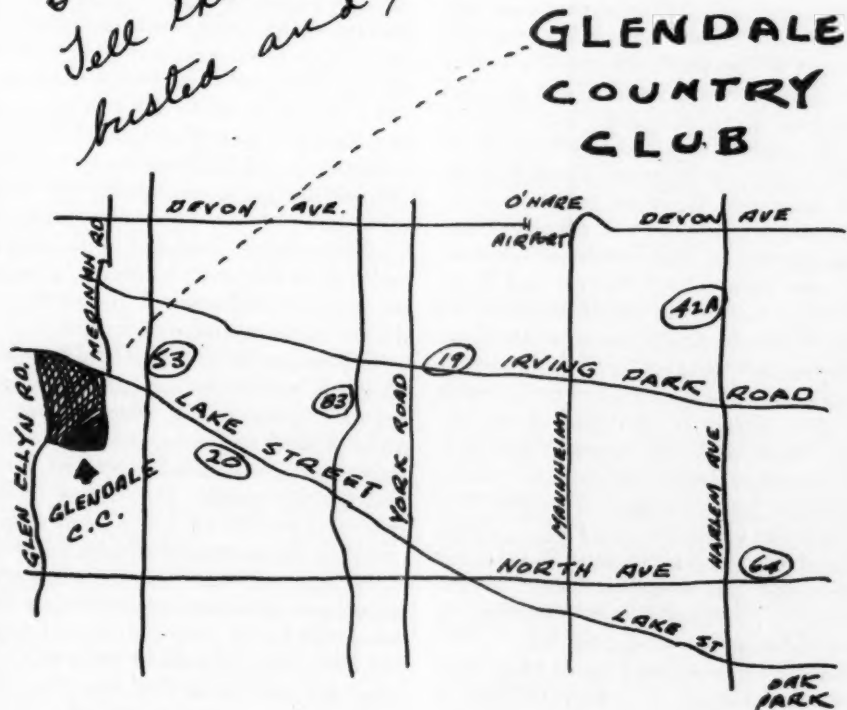
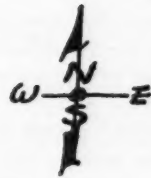
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NORTH SIDE

On my first assignment I would like to congratulate the incoming officers for the current year. I hope they can continue to stimulate the interest that was started by last year's officers. There were many new as well as old faces in great numbers. Keep on coming and dentistry shall progress. . . . Don't forget the North Side outing at Wilmette Country Club on June 16th. Come on out for a wonderful day. . . . The Cooley Study group, represented by our north side fellows Manley Elliott, Fred Hansen and R. E. Kadens, put on an excellent clinic for the Wisconsin Study group at Madison. Bill Semiloff went up for the ride and information. The same fellows are going to Carlyle, Illinois, by invitation of the Gilbert Watkins Dental Research group to their annual summer clinic. . . . Joseph Ambrose just came back from the West Coast. He visited his sick Dad. . . . Our Major Chester Stanley is at Topeka Air Base and has found a "home in the army." . . . Henry Parkin is burning up the highway with a big new car. . . . Wilfred Corcoran is going up to Minnesota for some fishing. . . . Earl Hullison is feeling much better after a siege of ill-

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FLUORIDATION

(Reprinted from the Chicago Sun Times, May 22, 1954)

I wish to compliment you on your splendid editorial of May 10 in favor of the fluoridation of our Chicago drinking water. The figures you quote, showing a decline of 56 per cent in tooth decay in Evanston's children between the ages of 6 and 8, should be enough to convince any open-minded person of the great benefits attached to this measure, which can be obtained at a cost per person far less than the price of even one filling.

It might be well to point out that the dental profession is working hard for fluoridation, solely and only for purely altruistic reasons—to benefit humanity and not itself. While this may seem strange to some skeptics, this happens to be the exact truth, for it is obvious that the dentist, who depends for his livelihood largely on the filling of cavities (and other consequences of tooth decay, such as extractions and replacement of missing teeth), cannot benefit financially or in any other respect when, as a result of fluoridation, the number of new cavities that remain to be filled is going to be reduced by more than half. He doesn't even own or sell the fluorides to be used, nor will he get a commission for their use. I know of only a few other instances where an entire profession or group has endeavored diligently to obtain a measure which would result in materially reducing its main source of income.

This humanitarian attitude of our profession is apparently not sufficiently understood by the public, which is used to other groups' and occupations' pleas for legislation which usually benefits them and not the public. Maybe this notion that there must be an "angle" somewhere, and that the proposition sounds too good to be true, accounts for the long-smoldering and persistent opposition to this wonderful health measure. If so, I hope this letter may help dispel some of these fears and misconceptions regarding the motives of our dental profession.

Dr. F. van Minden.

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ness. . . . H. Glass attended the state meeting in Indiana. . . . Drs. Boothe and Laveri gave a clinic at the state meeting. Quite a few North Side men were there. Incidentally, Dr. Boothe will take the summer off from teaching school.—*Joseph W. Gordon, Branch Correspondent.*

WEST SUBURBAN

The most important news of the month is the big, successful carnival night that the Far West Study Club had at the Woodridge-Country Club. There were around one hundred present at the affair and all had a good time. It was an evening of good fellowship and merrymaking that will long be remembered by those present; and make the ones that missed it anxious for the next time. . . . On the committee were Roy Sanden, Earl Emery, Don Jaeger, George Fleming, Francis Fierce, Bill Haller, Jim Ridlen, Russ Benedict, and Eeb Randolph. . . . Bill Haller deserves a lot of credit as the games' chairman for making things go along smoothly, and doubly so since he had barely gotten out of his hospital bed when he went to work. . . . It is hoped that you have already marked off the day of the West Suburban golf outing which is taking place at Itasca Country Club on the 14th of July. . . . The final meeting of the West Suburban Branch for the Spring was on June 7 and the speaker was Dean George Teuscher of the Northwestern Dental School. His subject was "Education in the Modern Dental Schools." Dean Teuscher is a man with an extensive background on this subject: D.D.S., M.S. in pedodontics,

M.A. and Ph.D. in education and psychology and much practical experience on the subject; we all found his words interesting. . . . The branch is proud of the fact that so many of its members saw fit to go to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield and honor President Werner Gresens of the Illinois State Society. Those who enjoyed the dinner with him are Al Kuncel, Arno Brett, R. Weihe, E. Walters, F. Biedka, E. Prugh, M. Milnarik and R. Atterbury. . . . We must also mention E. Walters again since he did such a fine job of getting top clinicians for the meeting: among these men, we of the branch should be proud to see the names of our own T. Barber and A. Malone who discussed Pedodontics, R. Cutlan on Crown and Bridge, W. Kirby on Practice Analysis, M. Massler on Treatment and Execution (this can't be right), E. Prugh on Occlusion, R. Atterbury on Oral Surgical Procedures, and J. Betty was the presiding Essay Chairman. . . . It is rumored that we have a large number of men getting into the big time with larger quarters, these are Mel Hooper of Lombard, E. Walters (this boy gets around), B. McDonald, W. Fellman, Al Ryan, R. Atterbury (also a busy bee) and E. Brundage, all at 1011 Lake St. We all wish them the best of luck. . . . Now for the list of the men who are enjoying or going to enjoy themselves: Dick Anderson left for Canada to fish on the 23rd of May, Don Jaeger is leaving for there on the 16th of June, Roy Sanden left for California and in between on the 13th of June, Paul Swanson is already out there soaking up the sun. Bob McDonald is visiting friends in Detroit (some seem to think it might be Henry Ford) and for a real trip we have Emil Mulacek

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Bob Randolph, Branch Correspondent.

ENGLEWOOD

Place, the feed trough. Time, 6 p.m. Speaker, Alex Dreier via radio. Sez Alex, "The endurance time of government gas bags (blimps) has never been established. This one has been up in the air 180 hours . . ." Why my *dear* Mr. Dreier, haven't youse been listening to the McCarthy hearings? *Those* government gas bags have been up in the air jist days and days and days. . . . Thanks to Marion Kostrubala I have had an issue off which will now be followed by an off issue. Some of the gang have returned to the humdrum of practice again. Ted Malmberg has gone back to the amalgam mill after three wonderful weeks in Florida. . . . John Holmes is back on the job too, but I was not able to find out more than that. . . . Bill Hillemeier got a rest, but had to go to bed with a few bugs to get it. We hope you're feeling fit and shipshape now, Bill. . . . Francis O'Grady was kind enough to get me the hot dope on the Illinois State meeting. Vince Milas placed Tom Starshak's good name in nomination for the office of president-elect of the State society, and we are proud to know that Tom will serve as president in 1956. Congratulations, Dr. Starshak, upon this well-deserved expression of confidence, trust, and affection, by your host of admirers. . . . Those seen at the meeting were: Seaborg, Ted Lindholm, Tom Starshak, Ray Van Dam, Harold Hayes (*not* trotting), Frank Farrell, and Jim Nowlan. Clinicians included: Bill Burke, Dan'l Duffy, Frank O'Grady, Hopkins, Ruzic, Carroll, Kollar, and Siedlinski. Hopkins brung a

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whole dern boat, sail and all, which he pulled out of his car trunk and put together. He then took to Springfield Lake for a bit of fishing. . . . Bill Burke, Mrs. B., and their two oldest children hit the high spots (scenic) about town. . . . Stan Pacer, Krzeminski, Rywniak, Raczynski, Dziubak, and Spanski conducted dental examinations of over nine hundred grade schoolers at Saint Joseph's School recently. They were tendered a lovely luncheon served by the grateful nuns of the school. . . . Stan reports no garden this year. O'Grady's job beat Stan down to a wee nub, and anyhow the weather was not fittin' when Stan was, and *vice versa*. George Washington Pacer chopped down his cherry tree 'cuz the critter was too damn big, and Stan will have to content himself sweating out the peach crop. . . . Ralph Rudder and Harry Kazen brought their tubs back to town from their winter quarters in Saugatuck. The boys were only about five hundred feet apart all the way home, but they kept in strictly formal radio contact. How correct can we get? . . . Had the pleasure of dining with Ted Vermuelen t'other night (I had to buy my own grub!), and learned that he will open his show place in Shorewood Hills over the Memorial Day week-end. Told Ted I would be at sister ViNette's place *very* near his during the *same period*, but, oh well, I draw a blank stare from lots of guys. . . . John Boersma is working like h— to get his diggings in order too. Hey, John! Mebbe I — — —. No, come to think of it, Lucas *invited* me over to his shack, and it's closer anyhow! . . . Met John Hilton at the Mutual Put-and-Take (the former doing the latter and *vice versa*), and he sez Ben Jostes' son Tom has finished up his year's work at Campion and is now at home for the summer. That's *one* way to get a plaster boy! . . . Jerry Bosscher of Grand Rapids, Mich. wants to know what ever in the world happened to his pals Ray Anderson, Vern Eklund, Al Tanis, Bob Hilton, Al Jason, and Ben Jostes (see above). So-o-o-o-o, I wrote the boys and to date have found out: "Dear Butch: Too bad about Jerry—

Ma and I are leaving today (5/5/54) in our new Oldsmobile to find out what's new in smörgåsbords in Minneapolis, Minn., and, while there, will attend the sessions of the American Baptist Convention—just a long week end trip. Thanks. "Andy" (Ray Anderson). Next: "My Sympathy Kid: Driving new Olds 88—going to Mich. with Bob Hilton for some fishing in June. *Trying* to train 2-year-old pointer so we can find some birds this fall. *Tanis*." Alzo: "Poor you too: I lead a circumspect life—uneventful. My mom taught me to keep my name out of the noospapers, but my wife has jostled me out of the 'rut,'—so we are driving to California and Las Vegas (my family lives there, honest!) the first three weeks in June—then back to the 'rut.'" Vern E. Eklund. This office will report further when the rest of the cards come home. . . . My cousin-german, Dr. Allen Hynek, which is an astronomer, is now in Iran to observe the eclipse. He reports that his recent studies of Mars did not show a single living thing in sight. My! What a reputation Earth has! Me too.—*Englewood's Certified Czech, The Pied Typer of Ramblin', Local 602.*

KENWOOD-HYDE PARK

As I start this the sun is shining very brightly and the temperature is rather pleasant. I don't know if it just happens to be a warm spell or not. The forecast is that it is going to be nice for the rest of the week. I wonder who is kidding whom? . . . Mark Reardon, our new president, has taken a big step in life, I should include Mrs. Reardon in this too, it seems that they are going to acquire a daughter. Well, I will let you in on the story, their son is getting married and thereby they get a daughter. We wish the newly-weds the best of happiness and may they always remember that it takes two to make a fight. . . . We are very sorry to hear that Art Molay has been ill and hope that everything turns out okay. . . . I have very bad news for you poor readers, I have this job for another year and I

guess that you are stuck with me for awhile longer. . . . Mark Reardon had a meeting at his home and if he doesn't look out he will lose his wife. Can she cook, um, um! Jesse Carlton has been known to enjoy chicken, in fact there was a rather large pile of bones on his plate and I have to admit that his plate was not the only one with a pile of bones. Let me think (?), oh yes, Walt Dundon had a nice group on his plate. Now you can see what I mean when I say that Mark had better watch his step. I have seen some good eaters and I thought that I could hold my own, but I had to take a back seat. Can you imagine that tall thin guy Graham Davies eating more than I? Well, maybe it was because he was leaving for the cottage in Wis. as soon as he got home and changed into different clothes. We had the idea that he was a night owl and now we know it, because he said that he prefers to drive at night and after midnight is even better. . . . There was a lot of talk about

the members of K-P going to Fla. and making reservations with the Walter R. Scanlon chain of hotels. The order has been made that Walter get all of his cots in readiness and get a part interest in a food store or restaurant so that he can feed the hungry pack. . . . Wayne Fisher tells us that he is going to fly down to Fla. and Walt Dundon may be on the same plane. They are also night owls; they plan to take the night plane. Maybe some more of you will get the same idea and can make up a party. . . . As I am knocking this out there are a few days left for Elmer Ebert to be "KING." We sure think that he has done a grand job for the past year and we of Kenwood-Hyde Park are mighty proud to have him in our branch, we knew that he would do a good job. Elmer's son is planning to enter Beloit this fall so the house will seem a bit empty. We want to thank Mrs. Ebert for letting us take Elmer away for so long and now we return him for a rest and maybe to borrow again later on. . . .

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This isn't really our branch news, but there are a lot of our men that knew that active man of the North Side Branch, Leo W. Kremer, who has passed on to the great world beyond. Dr. Kremer was very active in our field and has done a lot for us here in Chicago. We extend our sympathies to his family. There are times when words seem to have no meaning to express one's feelings and this is one of them. By the time you get this information there is little that you can do, but there is still one thing that can be done and that is to keep the ideas that Leo worked for alive. . . . This is a heck of a note to end with, but I have run out of things to say. We are starting another year so keep me posted about your activities and I will try to see that it gets into this part of the *FORTNIGHTLY*.—*Warren H. Lutton, Branch Correspondent.*

NORTHWEST SIDE

Just seems as though nothing, but absolutely nothing, happened to our Northwesters during the second half of May. If it were not for the installation of officers at the Chicago Dental Society meeting, it would indeed be a dull report. But that evening was really something to remember. Of the normal speeches that one expects, and hears, there is no need for elaboration. But our after-meeting speaker, that *was* a different story. The Senior Canon at Trinity Episcopal

Church of Cleveland, Dr. Hall, was the featured guest of the evening. It was hardly expected to hear a man of the cloth give forth with the corn in such cheerful tones and subject. He made attendance at church services seem almost like a pleasure. His sugar-coated preaching kept everyone in stitches, with Dan Klein making copious notes. Wish that I could repeat just one little story for you who missed a real evening. And the ladies seemed to laugh louder than the men. . . . Had a nice card from John Dybdahl. Making the western circuit in a new Olds. Even better is that he is taking six weeks to do same. And with that touch that makes Northwesters, he has visited these former members from the Northwest Branch, John and Ben Svoboda, Ernie Johnson and Harold Holm. Thanks for a real report, John. Let us hope that more of our members will learn from you. . . . Mitch Kaminski wants to thank these three men for assisting in the dental examination program of the dental health education committee, J. Kaufman, S. Kochy and J. M. Maggio. It is a worthy cause. . . . Report on our golf outing will be covered in our next attempt at reporting.—*Ben Davidson, Branch Correspondent.*

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"Why is Mr. Knight pacing up and down on his front porch?"

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Kingston, new Director from South Suburban Branch, were not present.

The new officers were introduced and installed in the following order:

Harry W. Chronquist, Vice-President

L. W. M. Hughes, Secretary

Edward W. Luebke, Treasurer

Gustav W. Solfronk, President-Elect, was introduced, and will be installed in May 1955.

The new President, Dr. Samuel R. Kleiman, was installed by Dr. Ebert with appropriate remarks. Dr. Kleiman graciously accepted his new gavel and then presented Dr. Ebert with his Past-President's Certificate. Dr. Ebert then made his final speech to the Chicago Dental Society as President. The Society thus loses a man who has been a great leader. Dr. Kleiman then made his inaugural address and to him we all wish a most successful administration.

Dr. Harold Hayes, Monthly Program Chairman, was introduced and in turn presented the speaker of the evening, Dr. Laurence Hall, one of America's finest humorists who kept the audience laughing all evening with his jokes and disappearing bird cage.

This is my swan song as Secretary. It has been a privilege to serve the Society in this capacity. To my successor, Dr. Hughes, I wish the best.

Respectfully submitted,

Gustav W. Solfronk, *Secretary*.

ABSTRACTS

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instrument sterilization it is used in a concentration of one part of Zephiran chloride to one thousand parts of water. The rust inhibitor added to the water solution was sodium nitrite 2 tablespoonsful or 30 grams to the gallon of water solution. The author found that plunging barbed broaches into a soft rubber sponge cleaned them very easily. Placing the sponge in a suitable container with the antiseptic provides a cleaner-sterilizer. In another container, used along with the first, a complete set of endodontic instruments can be placed for storage and continuous sterilization. This container is only half filled with the rubber sponge, to allow sufficient room for the solution to cover the instrument handles. As the instruments are used, they are removed from the storage unit, then cleaned and disinfected in the cleaner unit. Before any instrument is used for another patient it should be thoroughly cleaned and immersed in the Zephiran solution for half an hour. When storing the instruments they can be put into position in the storage sponge according to type, with the handle numbers upward for ready selection. Instruments can be kept in the sterilizer continuously with no corrosion. —*A SPONGE RUBBER CHEMICAL STERILIZER FOR ENDODONTIC INSTRUMENTS*, by Maurice Buchbinder, D.D.S. *New York Journal of Dentistry*, March, 1954. O. C. L.

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